PLANT FACT SHEET

Syzygium clusiifolium (A. Gray) Muell.Stuttg.

GENUS *Syzygium* **FAMILY** Myrtaceae

COMMON NAMES Aifua

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit is eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A tree up to 4-8 m high. It can be taller. An attractive shady tree. The bark is grey and scaly. The leaves are oval and grow opposite each other along the stem. The leaves are up to 15 cm long and 8 cm wide. Many narrow veins run across the leaf joining near the edge. The leaf stalk is about 1 cm long. It has a groove along its length. Flowers are small but occur in large open clusters. They are produced on the trunk and larger branches. The fruit is oval and about 1 cm long. It is dark purple. It is edible.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It occurs in the Pacific islands. It occurs in lowland areas. It grows from sea level to 200 m altitude. It occurs on Rennell Island in the Solomon Islands.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In Vanuatu plants flower in September to December and fruit in February.

PICTURES



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